

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1075

By Yokley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James and Dussie Ailshie on the occasion of their 80th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 1930, James "Spud" and Dussie Ailshie were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2010, the Ailshies will celebrate their 80th wedding anniversary, which is believed to be the longest marriage in the history of their hometown of Mohawk, and the second longest in the entire State; and

WHEREAS, Spud and Dussie Ailshie have been highly respected citizens of their community for many decades; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, the Ailshies owned and operated the James Ailshie Grocery in Mohawk, from the 1950s until its closing in 1978; known to legions of young customers as the very epicenter of social life in Mohawk, the store literally occupied the front yard of McDonald High School; and

WHEREAS, "Spud's Store," as the grocery was commonly called, was renown for Dussie Ailshie's baloney sandwiches, and as a place to chat with old friends, to be entertained, and to pick up some sage advise from the more senior patrons; and

WHEREAS, during the golden years of their retirement, Mr. Ailshie, who is 98 years old, enjoys waking up early and preparing breakfast for Mrs. Ailshie, who will celebrate her 96th birthday on June 14 and is an avid doll collector; and

WHEREAS, for 80 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Ailshies' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate James "Spud" and Dussie Ailshie on the celebration of their 80th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.